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SUBJECT: JULY 13 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT ARAB LEAGUE EFFORTS TO  
RESOLVE LEBANESE FIGHTING

1. JULY 13 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORTED VARIOUS PROPOSALS UNDER  
CONSIDERATION BY ARAB LEAGUE TO END FIGHTING IN LEBANON.  
PRESS BANNERED: "ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS RESUME TODAY  
THEIR MEETINGS IN CAIRO. PROPOSAL FOR SENDING ARAB  
DETERRENT FORCE TO STOP FIGHTING. SYRIA REQUESTS FORMATION  
OF ARAB COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE FABRICATIONS BY FATAH  
ORGANIZATION. CONFERENCE STUDIES VARIOUS PROPOSALS, AMONG  
WHICH CONVENING OF JOINT DEFENSE COUNCIL OR ARAB SUMMIT  
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TO END BLOODY FIGHTING IN LEBANON." FIVE-MAN COMMITTEE,

COMPOSED OF REPS FROM SYRIA, EGYPT, PLO, LEBANON AND TUNISIA, ESTABLISHED TO DRAFT WORKING PAPER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSALS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED AT AL SESSION. PRESS NOTED ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS TO FORM ARAB STRIKE FORCE OR INCREASE STRENGTH OF ASF. KHADDAM CALLED UPON AL TO FORM COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO FATAH "FABRICATIONS AND MISLEADING ALLEGATIONS" THAT SYRIAN FORCES FIGHTING ON SIDE OF LEBANESE PARTIES IN LEBANON.

2. MORNING DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED CONTINUATION OF VIOLENT FIGHTING IN MANY PARTS OF LEBANON RESULTING IN LARGE NUMBER OF KILLED AND WOUNDED. RADIO ADDED THAT SUPPLY SITUATION WORSENING AS FOOD SUPPLIES DIMINISH AND WATER AND ELCTRICITY CUT.

3. SYRIAN CABINET MET JULY 12 TO REVIEW LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS. NO DETAILS.

4. RELIABLE PALESTINIAN SOURCE INFORMED US THAT SARG HAS PROHIBITED LOCAL PLO OFFICES FROM USING THEIR OFFICIAL VEHICLES IN DAMASCUS, WITH EXCEPTION OF SAIQA.

5. SYRIAN MEDIA HAVE UTILIZED ASSASSINATION OF BAATHIST OFFICIAL AHMAD AL-AZZAWI TO INCREASE VERBAL ATTACKS ON IQRAQ. PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF IRAQI ORGANIZATION IN HERMEL AREA OF BEKAA HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THEIR FORMER ALLIES BECAUSE "PARTISANS OF THE IRAQI REGIME IN LEBANON DECIVED US WITH THEIR BRIGHT SLOGANS. WE FOUND OURSELVES IN A GANG WORKING TO SOW DISCORD."

COMMENT: MEDIA REPORTS OF LA CONFERENCE CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED SYRIAN INTEREST IN APPEARING TO ACCOMODATE ITSELF TO AL EFFORTS IN LEBANON WHILE AT SAME TIME PRESERVING SYRIA'S ROLE IN RESOLVING CIVIL WAR. SARG MAINTAINING PRESSURE BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY ON FATAH. SYRIAN MEDIA ONCE AGAIN ALSO FOCUSING ON ALLEGATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE IRAQI ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON.

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